

DETAILED ACTION

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. Claims 1-20 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claims 1,7 and 13, Soininen (US 7,356,595) teaches a method for re-establishing context of data packet flow between terminals through at least a network comprising a number of routers for routing data packet flows between the routers along data packet flow paths connecting said terminals (see Abstract and column 3, lines 28-44), of which terminals at least one is mobile and may change access between different access points of said at least a network (see Abstract and column 3, line 66 to column 4, line 22), wherein an access point comprises an access router and a middlebox (see fig.1, router 15), which is controlled and supported by an associated Midcom Agent (see fig.1, router 15).

Soininen (US 7,356,595) fails to teach the steps of: receiving from a mobile terminal, one message indicating a change from one current access point, to which the mobile terminal is connected, to a selected access point, to which said terminal will perform an handover, sending a request comprising a copy of stored context in the Midcom Agent for said data packet flow to the middlebox of said current access point, analysing in the middlebox of said current access point whether the sent context is equal to the context stored in said middlebox, or not, updating the stored context in the Midcom Agent to a valid context in accordance to received context in a response

(Context Transfer Data response) message from said middlebox of said current access, distributing said valid context to at least the middlebox of said selected Access.

Dependent claims 2-6, 8-12 and 14-20 are allowable for the same reason.

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Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nghi H. Ly whose telephone number is (571)272-7911. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30am-8:00pm Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dwayne Bost can be reached on (571) 272-7023. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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